

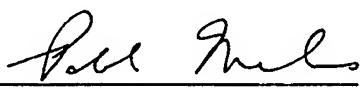
Remarks

The foregoing proposed amendment cancels claims 7-9, 15-17, 19-21, 26, and also presents a new additional claim, namely claim 31. As a result of this Amendment, claims 1-6, 10-14, 18, 22-25, 27, 29-31 remain in the application.

An indication of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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